January 8, 2010

TPB Technical Committee Meeting Highlights

The Technical Committee met on January 8 at COG. Five items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB agenda on January 20.

• <u>TPB agenda Item 9</u>

Norfolk Southern staff provided an update regarding information on the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project provided to MDOT as follow-up to the Board deferral at its December 16 meeting of the Norfolk Southern request for a TPB letter of support for the project. The Committee reviewed and provided comments on a draft TPB letter of support for the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project to be submitted to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.

• TPB agenda Item 10

At the December 16 meeting, the Board was briefed on two new FTA grant opportunities: the Livability Bus Program and the Urban Circulator Program. The Committee was briefed on the status of TPB staff efforts to develop a regional bus stop improvement grant application in cooperation with WMATA for FTA Livability Bus Program funding. Applications are due on February 8, and the TPB will be asked to endorse project applications at its January 20 meeting.

• TPB agenda Item 11

The Committee was briefed on draft results from the analysis of the CLRP Aspirations scenario. The "CLRP Aspirations" Scenario was developed during 2008 under the guidance of the TPB Scenario Task Force. It is an integrated land use and transportation scenario for 2030 building on the key results of the five TPB scenarios analyzed earlier, It includes a regional high-quality bus rapid (BRT) network operating on an extensive network of variably priced lanes.

• TPB agenda Item 12

The Committee was briefed on draft results from the analysis of the "What Would It Take" scenario, which starts with specific goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions for 2030 and beyond and examines how such goals might be achieved through different combinations of interventions that include increasing fuel efficiency, reducing the carbon-intensity of fuel, and improving travel efficiency.

• TPB agenda Item 13

Staff reviewed an outline and preliminary budget for the Unified Planning Work

Program (UPWP) for FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). A complete draft of the FY 2011 UPWP will be presented to the Committee and TPB in February.

Three items were presented for information and discussion:

- Staff briefed the Committee on the latest coordination and technical review activities of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulation Model (MOVES) Task Force, including latest test results for the MOVES model.
- The Committee was briefed on the establishment of the Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO). In February 2009, Virginia's General Assembly passed HR 756, requesting that the Secretary of Transportation support and assist the 14 MPOs in the Commonwealth with the establishment of this organization. The TPB will be asked in February to express support of the creation of VAMPO.
- A staff update to the Committee on the status of activities to implement Version 2.3 of the TPB Travel Demand Model was deferred until February.

TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ATTENDANCE - January 8, 2010

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